

**Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Project
Department of Pesticide Regulation
830 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Fresno Public Information Meeting Notes

Meeting Date:

3:00- 7:00 p.m.
June 22, 2000

Meeting Venue:

Sal Mosqueda Community Center
4760 E. Butler Ave,
Fresno, CA.

Officials attended include:

Fresno County Ag. Comm.:

Jerry Prieto, Doug Edwards,
Robert Vandergon, Carol Hafner,
Kathy Clausen de Contreras,
Norm Smith, Wayne Peregrin

Fresno County Community Health:

Gary Carozza, Tim Casagrande,
Dr. David Hadden

CDFA: Jim Rudig, Peter Kurtz,
Larry Cooper, John Hooper.

OEHHA: Jim Stratton

DPR (EHAP): Kean S. Goh,
Roger Sava, Johanna Walters;
(Enforcement) Leonard Herrera



Jerry Prieto (Ag. Commissioner)
speaking to the press

Purpose: To provide information to the public and to address concerns on the sharpshooter and the spray program.



Johanna Walters speaking to Barbara
Anderson of the Fresno Bee.

- 1) Several stations were set up in the auditorium and staffed by county and state officials. Stations included GWSS Review, Treatment Notification, Medical Information, Survey and Detection, Environmental Monitoring (DPR), Exotic Pest Detection.
- 2) About 50 members of the public showed up and had signed in. Several local TV stations and press interviewed Ag. Comm. and the public. Representative of Fresno Coalition Against The Misuse of Pesticides were at the meeting and passed out "JUST SAY NO" flyers opposing the carbaryl spraying.
- 3) Barbara Anderson of Fresno Bee interviewed EHAP on our monitoring efforts. We also provided update to Dennis Pollock of Fresno Bee whom we spoke with in previous meeting at Porterville.



Dr. Jim Stratton (OEHHA) and Dr. Peter Kurtz (CDFA) discussing with citizens

- 4) We spoke with citizens that visited our station and solicited volunteers to locate our air sampler in the event that their properties are targeted for the spray. Two people that lived in the infested area volunteered.
- 5) Generally questions asked by the public at our station were on our monitoring efforts, reentry, preharvest intervals, general precautions, and human and environmental safety. Applications and health questions were directed to CDFA experts.
- 6) Fresno Co. Dept of Ag. plans to start treating the Sunnyside area (South Fresno) on Monday, June 26 using carbaryl. They had requested Section 18 emergency registrations to use Merit® 75WP (imidacloprid) and Talstar® Flowable (bifenthrin) on fruit bearing trees and plants in a landscape/residential setting.

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